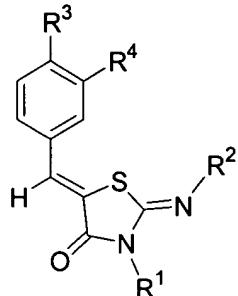


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Pharmaceutical A pharmaceutical composition containing at least one thiazolidin-4-one derivative of the General Formula (I)



General Formula (I)

wherein:

R¹ represents lower alkyl, lower alkenyl; cycloalkyl; 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphth-1-yl; 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphth-2-yl; a phenyl group; a phenyl group independently mono-, di- or trisubstituted with lower alkyl, halogen, lower alkoxy, or -CF₃;

R² represents lower alkyl; allyl; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl; cyclopentyl; mono- or di-lower alkylamino;

R³ represents -NR⁵R⁶; -O-CR⁷R⁸-CR⁹R¹⁰-(CR¹¹R¹²)_n-O-R¹³;

R⁴ represents hydrogen; hydroxy; lower alkoxy; lower alkyl; halogen; or R³ and R⁴ together may form a methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy ring optionally further substituted with a hydroxy methyl group;

R⁵ and R⁶ each represents independently lower alkyl;

R⁷ represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, or hydroxymethyl;

R⁸, R⁹, R¹¹ and R¹² each represents independently hydrogen or methyl;

R¹⁰ represents hydrogen or lower alkyl; in case n represents the integer 1, R¹⁰ in addition represents lower alkoxy, hydroxy, -NH₂, -NHR⁵ or -NR⁵R⁶;

R¹³ represents hydrogen; lower alkyl; hydroxycarbonyl-lower alkyl; 1-glyceryl or 2-glyceryl;

n represents the integer 0 or 1;

[[and]] or configurational isomers, optically pure enantiomers, mixtures of enantiomers, enantiomeric such as racemates, diastereomers, mixtures of diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates, or a and the meso-form thereof, as well as or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvent complexes, [[and]] or morphological forms thereof,

and inert carrier material.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Pharmaceutical~~ The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in which said thiazolidin-4-one derivatives are [[the]] (Z,Z)-isomers ~~according to General Formula (I) in claim 1~~.

3-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) ~~Use of one or more compounds of the General Formula (I) in The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 in combination with further comprising one or several more immunosuppressant compounds for the treatment of disorders associated with an activated immune system.~~

12. (Currently amended) ~~[[Use]] The pharmaceutical composition~~ according to claim 11, wherein said [[other]] immunosuppressant compound is selected from the group consisting of cyclosporin, daclizumab, basiliximab, everolimus, tacrolimus (FK506), azathioprine, leflunomide, and 15-deoxyspergualin, ~~or other immunosuppressant drugs.~~

13. (Currently amended) A method for the prevention or treatment of disorders a disorder associated with an activated immune system, comprising the administration administering to [[the]] a patient [[of a]] in need thereof an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition containing at least one compound of the General Formula (I) in of claim 1.

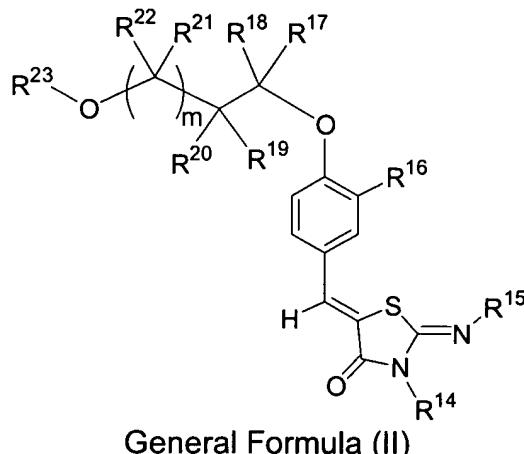
14. (Currently amended) A method for the prevention or treatment of disorders of organ transplant rejection or graft-versus-host diseases, comprising the administration administering to [[the]] a patient [[of a]] in need thereof an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition containing at least one compound of the General Formula (I) in of claim 1.

15. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 13 or 14, by administering to a patient wherein a dose of the thiazolidin-4-one derivative [[of]] in the General Formula (I) in claim 1 pharmaceutical composition is between 0.5 mg and 1000 mg per day.

16. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 15, by administering to a patient a dose of the thiazolidin-4-one derivative of the General Formula (I) in claim 1 wherein said dose is between 1 mg and 500 mg per day.

17. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 16, by administering to a patient a dose of the thiazolidin-4-one derivative of the General Formula (I) in claim 1 wherein said dose is between 5 mg and 200 mg per day.

18. (Currently amended) Novel thiazolidin-4-one Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives of the General Formula (II)



wherein:

R^{14} represents lower alkyl, lower alkenyl; cycloalkyl; 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphth-1-yl; 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphth-2-yl; a phenyl group; a phenyl group mono-, di- or trisubstituted independently with lower alkyl, halogen, lower alkoxy, or $-CF_3$;

R^{15} represents lower alkyl; allyl; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl; cyclopentyl; mono- or di-lower alkylamino;

R^{16} represents hydrogen; hydroxy; lower alkoxy; lower alkyl or halogen;

R^{17} represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, or hydroxymethyl;

R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{21} and R^{22} each represents independently hydrogen or methyl;

R^{20} represents hydrogen or lower alkyl; and in case m represents the integer 1, R^{20} in addition represents lower alkoxy, hydroxy, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^5$ or $-NR^5R^6$;

R^{23} represents hydrogen; lower alkyl; hydroxycarbonyl-lower alkyl; 1-glyceryl or 2-glyceryl;

m represents the integer 0 or 1;

[[and]] or configurational isomers, optically pure enantiomers, mixtures of enantiomers, enantiomeric such as racemates, diastereomers, mixtures of diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates, or a and the meso-form thereof, as well as or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

19. (Original) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to claim 18 in which said thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to formula (II) are (Z,Z) isomers.

20. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claim 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein R^{14} represents an unsubstituted, a mono- or disubstituted phenyl group.

21. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claim 18 to 20 claim 18 or 19, wherein R^{14} represents an unsubstituted, a mono- or disubstituted phenyl group, substituted with methyl or halogen.

22. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁵ represents lower alkyl.

23. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁶ represents halogen or methyl.

24. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein m represents the integer 0, and R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹ and R²⁰ represent hydrogen.

25. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein m represents the integer 1, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²¹ and R²², represent hydrogen, and R²⁰ represents hydroxy.

26. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein R²³ represents hydrogen.

27. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein m represents the integer 0, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰ and R²³ represent hydrogen.

28. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein m represents the integer 1, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²¹, R²² and R²³ represent hydrogen, and R²⁰ represents hydroxy.

29. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to claim 18 to 23 claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁴ represents an unsubstituted, a mono- or disubstituted phenyl group, substituted with methyl or halogen, R¹⁵ represents lower alkyl.

30. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to any of claims 18 and 19 claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁴ represents an unsubstituted, a mono-

or disubstituted phenyl group, substituted with methyl or halogen, m represents the integer 0, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰ and R²³ represent hydrogen.

31. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to ~~any of claims 18 and 19~~ claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁴ represents an unsubstituted, a mono- or disubstituted phenyl group, substituted with methyl or halogen, m represents the integer 1, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²¹, R²² and R²³ represent hydrogen, and R²⁰ represents hydroxy.

32. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to ~~any of claims 18 and 19~~ claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁴ represents an unsubstituted, a mono- or disubstituted phenyl group, substituted with methyl or halogen, R¹⁵ represents lower alkyl, R¹⁶ represents methyl or halogen, m represents the integer 0, and R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰ and R²³ each represent hydrogen.

33. (Currently amended) Thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to ~~any of claims 18 and 19~~ claim 18 or 19, wherein R¹⁴ represents an unsubstituted, a mono- or disubstituted phenyl group, substituted with methyl or halogen; R¹⁵ represents lower alkyl, R¹⁶ represents methyl or halogen, m represents the integer 1, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²¹ R²², R²³ represent hydrogen, and R²⁰ represents hydroxy.

34. (Currently amended) A thiazolidin-4-one derivative according to ~~any of claims 18 to 33~~ claim 18 selected from the group consisting of:

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

{2-[4-(2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-4-oxo-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-5-[Z]-yldenemethyl)-phenoxy]-ethoxy}-acetic acid,

rac-5-{4-[2-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-ethoxy]-benz[Z]ylidene}-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

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5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methyl-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methoxy-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[4-[2-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-ethoxy]-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methoxy-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-m-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-m-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-m-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-p-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-p-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-p-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-{4-[2-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-ethoxy]-benz[Z]ylidene}-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methyl-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methoxy-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

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5-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-[Z]-ylmethylene)-3-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
3-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
3-(2-chloro-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2-chloro-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2-chloro-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-thiazolidin-4-one,
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3-allyl-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
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rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methyl-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

(R)- 5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

(S)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-{4-[2-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-ethoxy]-benz[Z]ylidene}-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methyl-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methoxy-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
ac-5-[4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
2-([Z]-tert-butylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
2-(dimethyl-hydrazone)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-(dimethyl-hydrazone)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
2-([Z]-ethylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-Ethylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
2-([Z]-ethylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-ethylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-ethylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-thiazolidin-4-one,
5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-ethylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,
2-([Z]-butyylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,
2-([Z]-butyylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

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2-([Z]-butylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-([Z]-butylimino)-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-([Z]-butylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-([Z]-sec-butylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-([Z]-cyclopropylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-cyclohexyl-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-cyclohexyl-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-Hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-isopropyl-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-isopropyl-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-isopropyl-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-([Z]-allylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-([Z]-allylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-allyl-2-([Z]-allylimino)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-thiazolidin-4-one,

3-allyl-2-([Z]-allylimino)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-methylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one, and

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-methylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one[[],].

35. (Currently amended) A thiazolidin-4-one derivative according to any of ~~claims 18 to 33~~ claim 18 selected from the group consisting of:

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-3-methyl-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

(R)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

(S)-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-propylimino)-3-o-tolyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

rac-5-[3-chloro-4-(2,3-dihydroxy-propoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-propylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one,

2-(dimethyl-hydrazone)-5-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-2-([Z]-Ethylimino)-3-phenyl-thiazolidin-4-one,

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-([Z]-ethylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one, and

5-[3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benz[Z]ylidene]-3-isopropyl-2-([Z]-isopropylimino)-thiazolidin-4-one.

36-39. (Cancelled).

40. (Currently amended) Pharmaceutical composition containing A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound thiazolidin-4-one derivative of the General Formula (II) in claim 18 and inert carrier material.

41-44. (Cancelled).

45. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the General Formula (II) in claim 18, characterized by mixing one or more active ingredients according to any one of claims 18 to 35 thiazolidin-4-one derivatives of any one of claim 18, 34 or 35 with inert excipients in a manner known *per se*.

[[39]] 46. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of [[a]] the pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the General Formula (I) in of claim 1, characterized by comprising mixing one or more active ingredients thiazolidin-4-one derivatives according to General Formula (I) with inert excipients in a manner known *per se*.

47. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein said disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis; systemic lupus erythematosus; Hashimoto's thyroiditis; lymphocytic thyroiditis; multiple sclerosis; myasthenia gravis; type I diabetes; uveitis; posterior uveitis; uveitis associated with Behcet's disease; uveomeningitis syndrome; allergic encephalomyelitis; chronic allograft vasculopathy; rheumatic fever; post-infectious glomerulonephritis; inflammatory and hyperproliferative skin diseases; psoriasis; atopic dermatitis; osteomyelitis; contact dermatitis; eczematous dermatitis; seborrhoeic dermatitis; lichen planus; pemphigus; bullous pemphigoid; epidermolysis bullosa; urticaria; angioedema; vasculitis; erythema; cutaneous eosinophilia; acne; alopecia areata; keratoconjunctivitis; vernal conjunctivitis; keratitis; herpetic keratitis; dystrophia epithelialis corneae; corneal leukoma; ocular pemphigus; Mooren's ulcer; ulcerative keratitis; scleritis; Graves' ophthalmopathy; Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome; sarcoidosis; pollen allergies; reversible obstructive airway disease; bronchial asthma; allergic asthma; intrinsic asthma; extrinsic asthma; dust asthma; chronic or inveterate asthma; late asthma and airway hyper-responsiveness; bronchitis; gastric ulcers; ischemic bowel diseases; inflammatory bowel diseases; necrotizing enterocolitis; intestinal lesions associated with thermal burns; coeliac diseases; proctitis; eosinophilic gastroenteritis; mastocytosis; Crohn's disease; ulcerative colitis; vascular damage caused by ischemic diseases and thrombosis; atherosclerosis; fatty heart; myocarditis; cardiac infarction; arteriosclerosis; aortitis syndrome; cachexia due to viral disease; vascular thrombosis; migraine; rhinitis; eczema; interstitial nephritis; IgA-induced nephropathy; Goodpasture's syndrome; hemolytic-uremic syndrome; diabetic nephropathy; glomerulosclerosis;

glomerulonephritis; multiple myositis; Guillain-Barre syndrome; Meniere's disease; polyneuritis; multiple neuritis; mononeuritis; radiculopathy; hyperthyroidism; Basedow's disease; thyrotoxicosis; pure red cell aplasia; aplastic anemia; hypoplastic anemia; idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; autoimmune hemolytic anemia; agranulocytosis; pernicious anemia; megaloblastic anemia; anerythroplasia; osteoporosis; sarcoidosis; fibroid lung; idiopathic interstitial pneumonia; dermatomyositis; leukoderma vulgaris; ichthyosis vulgaris; photoallergic sensitivity; cutaneous T cell lymphoma; polyarteritis nodosa; Huntington's chorea; Sydenham's chorea; myocardosis; scleroderma; Wegener's granuloma; Sjogren's syndrome; adiposis; eosinophilic fascitis; lesions of gingiva, periodontium, alveolar bone, substantia ossea dentis; male pattern alopecia or alopecia senilis; muscular dystrophy; pyoderma; Sezary's syndrome; chronic adrenal insufficiency; Addison's disease; ischemia-reperfusion injury of organs which occurs upon preservation; endotoxin shock; pseudomembranous colitis; colitis caused by drug or radiation; ischemic acute renal insufficiency; chronic renal insufficiency; lung cancer; malignancy of lymphoid origin; acute or chronic lymphocytic leukemias; lymphoma; pulmonary emphysema; cataracta; siderosis; retinitis pigmentosa; senile macular degeneration; vitreal scarring; corneal alkali burn; dermatitis erythema; balloous dermatitis; cement dermatitis; gingivitis; periodontitis; sepsis; pancreatitis; carcinogenesis; metastasis of carcinoma; hypobaropathy; autoimmune hepatitis; primary biliary cirrhosis; sclerosing cholangitis; partial liver resection; acute liver necrosis; cirrhosis; alcoholic cirrhosis; hepatic failure; fulminant hepatic failure; late-onset hepatic failure; and "acute-on-chronic" liver failure.

48. (New) The method according to claim 13, in which said disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis; pollen allergies; type I diabetes; prevention of psoriasis; Crohn's disease; rheumatic fever, post-infectious glomerulonephritis; and metastasis of carcinoma.

49. (New) A method for the prevention or treatment of a disorder associated with an activated immune system, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of thiazolidin-4-one derivatives of any one of claim 18, 34 or 35.

50. (New) A method for the prevention or treatment of organ transplant rejection or graft-versus-host diseases, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of thiazolidin-4-one derivatives of any one of claim 18, 34 or 35.

51. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein said disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis; systemic lupus erythematosus; Hashimoto's thyroiditis; lymphocytic thyroiditis; multiple sclerosis; myasthenia gravis; type I diabetes; uveitis; posterior uveitis; uveitis associated with Behcet's disease; uveomeningitis syndrome; allergic encephalomyelitis; chronic allograft vasculopathy; rheumatic fever; post-infectious glomerulonephritis; inflammatory and hyperproliferative skin diseases; psoriasis; atopic dermatitis; osteomyelitis; contact dermatitis; eczematous dermatitis; seborrhoeic dermatitis; lichen planus; pemphigus; bullous pemphigoid; epidermolysis bullosa; urticaria; angioedema; vasculitis; erythema; cutaneous eosinophilia; acne; alopecia areata; keratoconjunctivitis; vernal conjunctivitis; keratitis; herpetic keratitis; dystrophia epithelialis corneae; corneal leukoma; ocular pemphigus; Mooren's ulcer; ulcerative keratitis; scleritis; Graves' ophthalmopathy; Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome; sarcoidosis; pollen allergies; reversible obstructive airway disease; bronchial asthma; allergic asthma; intrinsic asthma; extrinsic asthma; dust asthma; chronic or inveterate asthma; late asthma and airway hyper-responsiveness; bronchitis; gastric ulcers; ischemic bowel diseases; inflammatory bowel diseases; necrotizing enterocolitis; intestinal lesions associated with thermal burns; coeliac diseases; proctitis; eosinophilic gastroenteritis; mastocytosis; Crohn's disease; ulcerative colitis; vascular damage caused by ischemic diseases and thrombosis; atherosclerosis; fatty heart; myocarditis; cardiac infarction; arteriosclerosis; aortitis

syndrome; cachexia due to viral disease; vascular thrombosis; migraine; rhinitis; eczema; interstitial nephritis; IgA-induced nephropathy; Goodpasture's syndrome; hemolytic-uremic syndrome; diabetic nephropathy; glomerulosclerosis; glomerulonephritis; multiple myositis; Guillain-Barre syndrome; Meniere's disease; polyneuritis; multiple neuritis; mononeuritis; radiculopathy; hyperthyroidism; Basedow's disease; thyrotoxicosis; pure red cell aplasia; aplastic anemia; hypoplastic anemia; idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; autoimmune hemolytic anemia; agranulocytosis; pernicious anemia; megaloblastic anemia; anerythroplasia; osteoporosis; sarcoidosis; fibroid lung; idiopathic interstitial pneumonia; dermatomyositis; leukoderma vulgaris; ichthyosis vulgaris; photoallergic sensitivity; cutaneous T cell lymphoma; polyarteritis nodosa; Huntington's chorea; Sydenham's chorea; myocardosis; scleroderma; Wegener's granuloma; Sjogren's syndrome; adiposis; eosinophilic fascitis; lesions of gingiva, periodontium, alveolar bone, substantia ossea dentis; male pattern alopecia or alopecia senilis; muscular dystrophy; pyoderma; Sezary's syndrome; chronic adrenal insufficiency; Addison's disease; ischemia-reperfusion injury of organs which occurs upon preservation; endotoxin shock; pseudomembranous colitis; colitis caused by drug or radiation; ischemic acute renal insufficiency; chronic renal insufficiency; lung cancer; malignancy of lymphoid origin; acute or chronic lymphocytic leukemias; lymphoma; pulmonary emphysema; cataracta; siderosis; retinitis pigmentosa; senile macular degeneration; vitreal scarring; corneal alkali burn; dermatitis erythema; ballous dermatitis; cement dermatitis; gingivitis; periodontitis; sepsis; pancreatitis; carcinogenesis; metastasis of carcinoma; hypobaropathy; autoimmune hepatitis; primary biliary cirrhosis; sclerosing cholangitis; partial liver resection; acute liver necrosis; cirrhosis; alcoholic cirrhosis; hepatic failure; fulminant hepatic failure; late-onset hepatic failure; and "acute-on-chronic" liver failure.

52. (New) The method of claim 49, in which said disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis; pollen

allergies; type I diabetes; prevention of psoriasis; Crohn's disease; rheumatic fever, post-infectious glomerulonephritis; and metastasis of carcinoma.

53. (New) A method for the prevention or treatment of a disorder associated with an activated immune system, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 40.

54. (New) A method for the prevention or treatment of organ transplant rejection or graft-versus-host diseases, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 40.

55. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein said disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis; systemic lupus erythematosus; Hashimoto's thyroiditis; lymphocytic thyroiditis; multiple sclerosis; myasthenia gravis; type I diabetes; uveitis; posterior uveitis; uveitis associated with Behcet's disease; uveomeningitis syndrome; allergic encephalomyelitis; chronic allograft vasculopathy; rheumatic fever; post-infectious glomerulonephritis; inflammatory and hyperproliferative skin diseases; psoriasis; atopic dermatitis; osteomyelitis; contact dermatitis; eczematous dermatitis; seborrhoeic dermatitis; lichen planus; pemphigus; bullous pemphigoid; epidermolysis bullosa; urticaria; angioedema; vasculitis; erythema; cutaneous eosinophilia; acne; alopecia areata; keratoconjunctivitis; vernal conjunctivitis; keratitis; herpetic keratitis; dystrophia epithelialis cornea; corneal leukoma; ocular pemphigus; Mooren's ulcer; ulcerative keratitis; scleritis; Graves' ophthalmopathy; Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome; sarcoidosis; pollen allergies; reversible obstructive airway disease; bronchial asthma; allergic asthma; intrinsic asthma; extrinsic asthma; dust asthma; chronic or inveterate asthma; late asthma and airway hyper-responsiveness; bronchitis; gastric ulcers; ischemic bowel diseases; inflammatory bowel diseases; necrotizing enterocolitis; intestinal lesions associated with thermal burns; coeliac diseases; proctitis; eosinophilic gastroenteritis; mastocytosis; Crohn's disease; ulcerative colitis; vascular damage caused by ischemic diseases and thrombosis; atherosclerosis; fatty heart; myocarditis;

cardiac infarction; arteriosclerosis; aortitis syndrome; cachexia due to viral disease; vascular thrombosis; migraine; rhinitis; eczema; interstitial nephritis; IgA-induced nephropathy; Goodpasture's syndrome; hemolytic-uremic syndrome; diabetic nephropathy; glomerulosclerosis; glomerulonephritis; multiple myositis; Guillain-Barre syndrome; Meniere's disease; polyneuritis; multiple neuritis; mononeuritis; radiculopathy; hyperthyroidism; Basedow's disease; thyrotoxicosis; pure red cell aplasia; aplastic anemia; hypoplastic anemia; idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; autoimmune hemolytic anemia; agranulocytosis; pernicious anemia; megaloblastic anemia; anerythroplasia; osteoporosis; sarcoidosis; fibroid lung; idiopathic interstitial pneumonia; dermatomyositis; leukoderma vulgaris; ichthyosis vulgaris; photoallergic sensitivity; cutaneous T cell lymphoma; polyarteritis nodosa; Huntington's chorea; Sydenham's chorea; myocarditis; scleroderma; Wegener's granuloma; Sjogren's syndrome; adiposis; eosinophilic fascitis; lesions of gingiva, periodontium, alveolar bone, substantia ossea dentis; male pattern alopecia or alopecia senilis; muscular dystrophy; pyoderma; Sezary's syndrome; chronic adrenal insufficiency; Addison's disease; ischemia-reperfusion injury of organs which occurs upon preservation; endotoxin shock; pseudomembranous colitis; colitis caused by drug or radiation; ischemic acute renal insufficiency; chronic renal insufficiency; lung cancer; malignancy of lymphoid origin; acute or chronic lymphocytic leukemias; lymphoma; pulmonary emphysema; cataracta; siderosis; retinitis pigmentosa; senile macular degeneration; vitreal scarring; corneal alkali burn; dermatitis erythema; ballous dermatitis; cement dermatitis; gingivitis; periodontitis; sepsis; pancreatitis; carcinogenesis; metastasis of carcinoma; hypobaropathy; autoimmune hepatitis; primary biliary cirrhosis; sclerosing cholangitis; partial liver resection; acute liver necrosis; cirrhosis; alcoholic cirrhosis; hepatic failure; fulminant hepatic failure; late-onset hepatic failure; and "acute-on-chronic" liver failure.

56. (New) The method of claim 53, in which said disorder is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis; pollen

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